

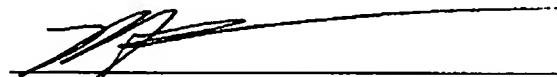
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For these reasons, among others, the combination of Williams with Lapeyre in further view of Cruchelow et al. cannot suggest the combination of features in applicant's Claim 15, and it is therefore submitted that the rejection against these claims should be withdrawn and Claim 15 allowed.

D. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited. Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. Alternatively should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, they are invited to telephone the undersigned.

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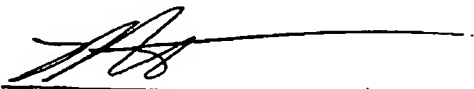
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